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**THE  
HEALTH  
OF  
VIRGINIA  
1969**







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VENTNOR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year ended 31st December, 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Ventnor Urban District Council

Madam Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1969.

There was a slight fall in the birth rate from 14.0 to 12.1 but the comparative rate (18.1) was still higher than for the rest of the country (16.3).

The illegitimacy rate was still high (11.8) and the Island generally has now reached a level where at least one child in ten is born out of wedlock. The County Council is concerned with this problem and has arranged for an investigation by a special committee.

During the year, 145 deaths were registered, the highest total on record for the district and the comparative death rate was higher than for England and Wales. The main reason for this was the influenza epidemic which started towards the end of the year and was a cause, or contributory cause, of death of some of the older residents.

Apart from the influenza epidemic, infectious diseases did not present a problem. Four cases of scarlet fever were notified during the Spring all of which were mild.

Once again I need to record that still too many households are having unpasteurised milk. There are two diseases that are likely to result from the drinking of raw milk in the Isle of Wight and both could be serious.

In a seaside town such as Ventnor, we do not expect to have our atmosphere polluted by smoke. Heavy vehicles are, however, occasionally prone to emitting clouds of black diesel fumes when ascending the steep hills. This unpleasant problem can, however, be kept in reasonable control by the observer of such a nuisance telephoning the proprietor or manager of the vehicle concerned, who is almost invariably willing to co-operate.

My thanks are again due to the staff of the department for their work and loyalty.

Finally, may I respectfully express to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee my appreciation of their support during the year.

Yours faithfully,

D.W. QUANTRILL

Medical Officer of Health.



# STATISTICS

## 1. GENERAL

Total hours of sunshine during 1969	1838.9 hours
Total rainfall during 1969	32.8 inches
Area in acres	3,562
Number of inhabited houses (as at 31.3.69.)	2,488
Rateable value (at 1.4.69.)	£262,514
Sum represented by 1d. rate (1968/69)	£1,040

## 2. VITAL

Population (Registrar General's estimate)	6,300
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### Births

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of live legitimate births	28	39	67
Number of live illegitimate births	6	3	9
Live birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population			12.1
Comparative factor (births)			1.50
Comparative birth rate			18.1
Live birth rate per 1,000 in England & Wales			16.3
Number of legitimate stillbirths			Nil
Number of illegitimate stillbirths			Nil
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			Nil
Total live and stillbirths			76
Illegitimate live births (per cent of total live births)			11.8

### Deaths

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total number of deaths	71	74	145
Crude death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population			23.0
Comparative factor (deaths)			0.58
Comparative death rate			13.3
Death rate in England & Wales			11.9
Number of deaths of legitimate infants under one year of age	1	-	1
Number of deaths of illegitimate infants under one year of age	-	-	Nil
Death rate of all infants per 1,000 live births			13.2
Death rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			14.9
Death rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births			Nil
Infant mortality rate (England & Wales)			18.0
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births			13.2
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births			13.2
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths			13.2
Maternal deaths (including abortion)			Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm - Lung and bronchus	4	-
" " - Breast	-	4
" " - Uterus	-	1
Leukaemia	1	-
Other malignant neoplasms, etc.	5	6
Diabetes Mellitus	-	2
Other endocrine etc. diseases	1	-
Meningitis	1	-
Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	-	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	13	10
Other forms of heart disease	6	6
Cerebrovascular disease	12	20
Other disease of circulatory system	2	4
Influenza	2	-
Pneumonia	2	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	13	1
Peptic Ulcer	2	-
All other accidents	3	1
<b>TOTAL: All causes</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>

Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Acts, 1955

Number of samples taken during 1969	6
Number of samples found to be positive for Tubercle Bacillus	-
Number of samples in which Brucella Abortus was isolated	-

Notifications of Infectious Disease

Four children, one boy and three girls, in the age group 5 -9 years were notified as suffering from Scarlet Fever early in the year.

No other notifications of infectious disease were received during 1969.



VENTNOR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Salisbury Gardens,  
Ventnor, I.W.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Ventnor Urban District Council

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

By courtesy of the Medical Officer of Health this part of his report is presented separately.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and Housing Committee for their help and support during the year.

In accordance with the wishes of the Committee this year's report has been kept to the statistical minimum required by the Department of Health and Social Security.

I am, Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C.A.S. WATSON

Public Health Inspector



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Work of the Public Health Inspector during 1969

Public Health Acts

Premises inspected on complaint	312
Nuisances observed	232
Revisits of all kinds	481
Visits to Holiday Accommodation	60
Visits to Caravans	44
Visits re Housing Accommodation	356
Visits re Water Supplies	70
Visits re Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	146
Visits re Drainage work	89
Visits to Licensed Premises	31
Routine Visits	235

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

There are two caravan sites within the Urban District, the total number of caravans on the two sites being 35.

Foods & Drugs Act 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

<u>Category</u>	<u>Food Premises</u> <u>Total No. of</u> <u>Premises</u>	<u>Fitted</u> <u>to comply</u> <u>with Reg.16</u>	<u>Regulation</u> <u>19</u> <u>Applicable</u>	<u>Fitted</u> <u>to comply</u> <u>with</u> <u>Reg.19</u>
Bakehouses	4	4	4	4
Fishmongers	1	1	1	1
Butchers	5	5	5	5
Dairies	2	2	-	-
Greengrocers	5	5	-	-
Grocers	32	32	32	32
Cafes, etc.	42	42	42	42
Licensed Premises)				
Full Licence )	20	20	20	20
Fried Fish Shops	2	2	2	2
Hotels Licensed	36	36	36	36
Private Hotels	29	29	29	29
Guest Houses	60	60Y	60	Y

Y only a limited number have been inspected.

Section 16, Food Hygiene (General Regulations) 1960 relates to provision of personal washing facilities and Regulation 19 deals with the facilities for washing food and equipment.

Regulation 19 does not apply where no open food is handled.

Food Premises registered under Section 16, Food & Drugs Act 1955

Registered for Ice Cream

Grocers	22
Confectioners	10
Kiosks	9
Fishmongers	1
Cafes	26

Registration for the preparation of sausages

Butchers	3
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Registered for the preservation of food (by cooking)

Grocers	2
Fried Fish	2
Fishmongers	1

Premises registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1959

Dairies	2
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Unsound Food

The following food was surrendered for destruction:-

61 lbs. Ox Cheek	13 lbs. 12 ozs. Chocolate
23 lbs. Apricots	15 ozs. Biscuits
36 lbs. Bacon	7 ozs. Tin Corned Beef
25 lbs. Turkey	8 x 56 lbs. Onions
30 lbs. Leg of Mutton	3 x 24 Cauliflowers.
36 lbs. Leg of Mutton	

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960

Number of Food Inspections	92
Inspection of Food Premises	242
Walls and ceilings repaired or redecorated	73
W.C. repaired or cleansed	5
Yard re-paved	2
Dustbins	4
Equipment, floors, sinks, Working surfaces etc.	133

Housing Statistics

Number of houses made fit by informal action	12
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Water Supplies  
(A) Public Supply

The Urban District is supplied with drinking water by the Isle of Wight River and Water Authority.

The water is chlorinated and treated and is not liable to Plumbo Solvency.

The sampling of the water is carried out at source, and otherwise by the Board and copies of the reports are supplied to the County Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Inspector.

The total number of samples notified to the Public Health Inspector were as follows.

<u>Total taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
82	76	6

(B) Private Supplies

Five properties have private water supplies, these are regularly checked, and periodical samples are taken to the Public Health Laboratories, Portsmouth with the following results.

<u>Total taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
25	15	10

Private Swimming Pools

Four Hotels, two Schools and a Holiday Centre have private Swimming Pools which are regularly visited and samples taken.

<u>Total taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
44	43	1

Childrens Paddling Pool

Careful attention was given to this pool during the year and the daily frequency of chlorination increased as necessary to ensure complete coverage while in use.

<u>Total taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
19	13	6

### Rodent Control

The number of complaints concerning rats or mice has remained practically as in previous years, many of the complaints are found to be concerned with a stray rat or mice infestation. The total number of visits by the Rodent operative including routine visits was 3,491.

As a result of negative results in the sewer baiting the Ministry of Agriculture have granted this Council exemption from sewer baiting until 1970.

### Contract Scheme

The number of premises participating in this scheme for Rodent Control is now 76: an increase from last year of 3.

### Infestations

Complaints of insect pests were:-

Cockroaches	14
Woodlice	2
Fleas	2
Ants	2
Beetles	8
Flies	4
Bees	1
Wasp Nests	23

A charge of 5s. Od. is levied in respect of each wasp nest destroyed.

### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Statistics have been supplied to the Ministry of Labour for the year ending December 31st, 1969 in accordance with the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.

The details in the prescribed form (O.S.R.14) are as follows:-

TABLE A

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number of Premises registered during year</u>	<u>Total Number registered at end of year</u>	<u>Number of General Inspections</u>
Offices	NIL	19	2
Retail Shops	7	69	46
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	NIL	7	4
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens.	NIL	56	30
Fuel Storage Depots	NIL	3	NIL
TOTALS	7	154	82



TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds to  
registered premises ... .. 146

TABLE C

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	137
Retail Shops	317
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	29
Catering Establishments open to the Public	492
Canteens	20
Fuel Storage Depots	7
Total	1002

Total Males 238

Total Females 763

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The refuse collection and disposal service is carried out by the Surveyor. A weekly collection of domestic refuse is maintained, and during the season a twice weekly collection of trade refuse is made from hotels and boarding houses.

Disposal is carried out by tipping on the outskirts of Wroxall. The tip is checked regularly by the Rodent Operative and has been treated when found necessary.

Spraying for flies is carried out during the summer months.

SEWERAGE

Sewer arrangements are as follows:-

Bonchurch at the Eastern end is served by (a) cesspools and (b) modern septic tank systems. One large holiday establishment has a private sewer outfall discharging below low water mark.

St. Lawrence in the west is partly served by modern septic tank systems and partly by discharge into a small sewerage works.

The central area sewerage is discharged untreated via a comminutor through an outfall to below low water mark.

The Council operate a cesspool emptying service which has functioned very well during the year.

FACTORIES ACT

Inspection for purpose of provisions as to health:-

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	-	-
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	24	11	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities (excluding out workers premises)	-	-	-	-
	25	13	-	-





